

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kirk Emil APT et al.) Group Art Unit: 1645
Application Number: 09/839,536) Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: April 23, 2001)
For: TROPIC CONVERSION OF OBLIGATE PHOTOTROPHIC ALGAE THROUGH
METABOLIC ENGINEERING)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants are submitting herewith copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified) for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application.

Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

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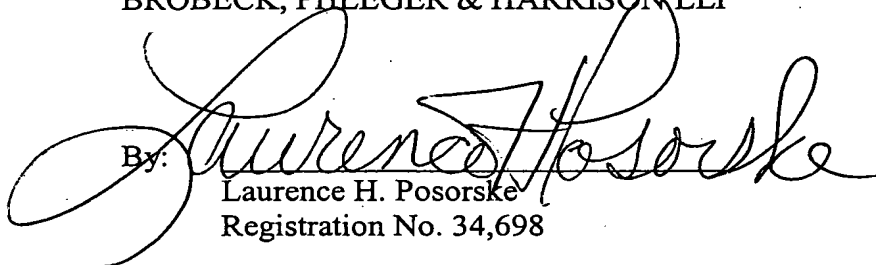
fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

Respectfully submitted,

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